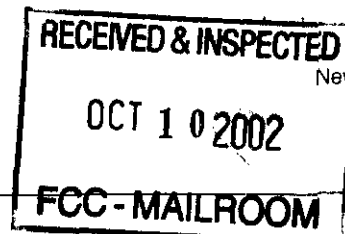




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CONSUMER & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE DATES FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS ON THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (TCPA) RULES

CG Docket No. 02-278

Release Date: October 9, 2002

Comment Date: November 22, 2002

Reply Comment Date: December 9, 2002

On September 18, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)¹ seeking comment on whether it should revise any of its rules that restrict telemarketing calls and unsolicited faxes and, if so, how. The NPRM also seeks comment on whether the Commission should revisit the option of establishing a national do-not-call list. Comments relating to the NPRM are due 45 days after the NPRM is published in the Federal Register, and reply comments are due 60 days after publication of the NPRM in the Federal Register. To ensure that all interested parties are aware of the comment period, the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) has issued this Public Notice, as well as a news release, specifying the exact comment and reply comment dates.

The NPRM was published in the Federal Register on October 8, 2002.² Therefore, comments are due on November 22, 2002, and reply comments are due on December 9, 2002. Comments should be filed consistent with the instructions provided in the NPRM.

For further information, contact Erica H. McMahon or Richard D. Smith, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-2512.

¹ *In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 02-250, CG Docket No. 02-278 and CC Docket No. 92-90 (rel. Sept. 18, 2002). In the MO&O, the Commission closed and terminated CC Docket No. 92-90 and opened a new docket to address the issues raised in this proceeding.

² 67 Fed. Reg. 62667 (Oct. 8, 2002).